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### **Conservation Commission**

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Stephen Najjar, Vice Chairman  
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Wendy Stevens, Alternate

**DRAFT MINUTES January 11, 2012**

**Members Present:** Andy Fulton, Steve Najjar, Mike Dahlberg, George Malette

**Guests:** David Petriel, Kevin Petriel, James Kupfer, SNHPC, Dick Ludders, PRLAC, Jerry Little  
Derek Serach, Piscataquog Land Conservancy

**Open Meeting: 7:03 p.m.**

### **David Petriel, Eagle Scout Project, Wood Family Forest Kiosk**

David Petriel, Eagle Scout Candidate from Troop 24 of the Boy Scouts of America has taken on the project of constructing a Kiosk at the entrance to the Wood Family Forest located at the northerly end of Bolton Field located off of Route 114 in South Weare.

David gave a Power Point presentation of the project from beginning to end which described the process from gaining initial approval, working with local groups and the actual construction and installation of the Kiosk. David showed the WCC several photographs of the finished kiosk. The WCC thanked him for all of his efforts and congratulated him on a job well done.

Photographs are attached at the end of these minutes of the Kiosk.

### **Poor Farm Forestry Management Plan**

Steve Najjar commented on the recommendation of the Town of Weare Heritage Commission that would require a 25 foot buffer around old cellar holes, stonewalls etc. Steve spoke of an e-mail response to that requirement from the Town Forester, Jeremy Turner regarding the 25 foot buffer. It is Jeremy's opinion that the 25 foot buffer is impractical. Jeremy also stated that Archaeological sites have high conservation value and are clearly treated and marked as such. The forester walks the site with the equipment operators to ensure the protection of these sites.

George Malette stated that he had shared Jeremy's e-mail response with the Heritage Commission members and that a majority agreed with Jeremy. Tanya Krajcik, Chairman of the Heritage Commission then appeared before the WCC to express the Heritage Commission's position on protecting historical sites. Tanya stated that Archaeological Sites should have a 25 foot buffer and the cultural sites stonewalls, etc. do not require a 25 foot buffer. Tanya volunteered to walk sites in the future to assist in identifying archaeological sites. Steve then spoke of the equipment utilized in harvesting timber and their ability to greatly control how trees are felled. Tanya stated that each should be site specific and the forest management plans should reflect that. Tanya also stated that it is desirable to utilize existing breaks in stonewalls during harvesting operations. All agreed and thanked Tanya for her time and effort.

### **Southern N.H. Planning Commission: Piscataquog River Management Plan**

James Kupfer of the Southern N.H. Planning Commission (SNHPC) appeared before the WCC to discuss the Piscataquog River Management Plan & Watershed Land Conservation Plan. (PRMP) James presented paper copies of his Power Point Presentation for review.

Dick Ludders of the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) then appeared before the WCC to give a brief overview of the PRMP and it's genesis.

James discussed the PRMP's overall objectives and the importance of local acceptance of the PRMP.

Andy asked Dick Ludders regarding his opinion on the enactment of the PRMP. Dick stated that the overall plan is a comprehensive approach to protect the Piscataquog River by protecting the watershed in the thirteen towns that make up the watershed. Dick spoke that the PRMP is advisory at this point and the SNHPC is looking to get the local Conservation Commissions and Planning Boards to sign onto the plan and begin implementing the objectives contained within the PRMP.

Andy asked James of this PRMP could be used as a tool that grant agencies could use in evaluating projects being promoted for conservation. Andy asked James if he thought that the PRMP could actually work against the Town's interest in protecting certain properties if other higher value properties are identified in the PRMP nearby. James stated that he does not think that would occur. Dick Ludders then spoke that a comparative value assessment could be made utilizing the PRMP and the local community would have to justify the benefits to the town of one property over another.

Andy then asked James if the SNHPC was looking for municipalities to propose warrant articles to enact in zoning ordinance form the objectives contained within the PRMP. James stated that is not the case right now. James stated that the SNHPC is looking for long range communications with the towns in the Piscataquog River Watershed and the SNHPC is looking for input from the WCC and the Weare Planning Board at this point. James will attempt to coordinate a joint meeting with the Planning Board and WCC to discuss the acceptance of the PRMP.

George asked if digital copies of the PRMP are available. James gave the website information and stated that the PRMP is available on the website.

Andy asked James if full size copies of the maps contained within the PRMP could be provided by SNHPC. James said he would look into it and find out if those plans are available.

Andy then reiterated the WCC's understanding of James' ideas of moving forward. James stated that he would be contacting the Planning board and try to schedule a joint meeting to discuss the PRMP and it's objectives and the potential to accept and adopt the PRMP.

### **PLC-Oliphant/Chevy Hill Conservation Easement**

Derek Serach appeared before the WCC to discuss the final proposed Conservation Easement (C.E.) on the Oliphant/Chevy Hill Land. Derek presented the final copy of the C.E. without a legal description of the property. Andy stated that in his opinion the document should contain the legal description of the property being encumbered by the C.E. before being sent to legal counsel for review. Mike agreed.

Derek then presented the WCC the Baseline Document for the project. The baseline document contains photographs, maps, soils descriptions etc. that describe the property in it's current state for future reference as outlined within the C.E. document.

Derek said he will add the legal description to the C.E. and will correct the spelling of Chevy (not Chevey) throughout the C.E. and the Baseline Documents.

## **PLC-Eastman Conservation Area**

Derek Serach inquired about the shed encroachment on the Eastman Conservation Area. Andy stated that he is not sure if the shed has been moved but that an agreement had been reached with the abutter that the shed would be moved.

## **Approval of meeting minutes**

Review and approval of meeting minutes of December 14, 2011. Discussion was had about minor corrections to the minutes. George motioned to approve the minutes of December 14, 2011 as amended. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mike then presented the Non-Public minutes to Andy and George for review and written comment. No comments were made. The Non-Public minutes will be hand carried to the Town of Weare Administration.

## **DES Issues/Items**

### Donison/Russell Standard Dredge & Fill Application for 95 Quaker Street

Mike pointed out that the plans do not show the 25 foot wetlands buffer and that it appears that a variance needs to be obtained in order for the project to move forward. Mike suggested that an e-mail notification of the project be sent to Chip Meany, Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Weare notifying him of the WCC's concerns. Andy said that he would send an e-mail to Chip.

### Collins Ledge Standard Dredge & Fill Application for shoreland improvements on Horace Lake

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## **Mountain Road Crossings – Meridian Land Services, Inc.**

Tom Carr has sent a revised contract for construction and engineering services as discussed last month. The contract was reviewed by the members present. Mike made a motion to approve the contract and authorize Andy Fulton, Chairman to sign the contract and to encumber up to \$13,155 from the Conservation Fund for the contract with Meridian Land Services. George seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

## **Timber Harvesting Agreement: Meadowsend Timberlands, Eastman Forest**

The WCC was presented with a Timber Harvesting Agreement for the Eastman Conservation Area, designated as "TS#1-Hardwick 2012" by Meadowsend Timberlands Land Management.

Mike made a motion to authorize Andy or Steve sign the contract. George seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding Andy conferring with Steve prior to his signature to ensure that the document was in order. All voted in favor.

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**Natural Resource Inventory (NRI)**

Steve had e-mailed Andy stating that the Meta Data and Final Maps contained within the NRI had not yet been received. Andy said he would look into the matter and contact Kane & Ingraham about the missing items.

**Motion to Adjourn**

George Malette made the motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**David Petriel Kiosk Photograph**

